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**Office Action Summary**

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SAKAYORI ET AL.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 60-96 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 60-96 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☒ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been:
1. ☒ received.
2. ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code / Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

**Attachment(s)**

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

***Response to Request for Reconsideration***

This is in response to a request for reconsideration file October 22th, 2001. Claims 60-96 are being reconsidered in this action.

***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 60-96 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

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3. Claims 60-96 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Peterson et al. (U.S. 6,324,522).

4. As per claims 60, 66, 67, 69, 70, 79, 80, 81, 82, 89, 96, Peterson et al teach a part management information system (*electronic information network for invention control*) for managing order placed and order received (*new orders, orders processed, orders in process*) by shops displaced as independent work unit (*see abstract, fig. 14, 18, column 4 lines 27-5 lines 17*), comprising communication means for communicating data indicating statuses of orders received and placed (*new orders, orders in process*), orders received (*new orders*) and orders placed (*orders placed*) (*see fig 14, column 34 lines 59-35 lines 40*) display control means for controlling display on display means, which determining the status of the order (*statuses of statuses*), of a combination of an icon corresponding to a management item and data indicating a status of the management item represented by the icon (*link*) (*see column fig 15, column 23 line 5-60*) and determining whether data input by the communication mean is orders received and placed (*new orders, orders in process*), orders received (*new orders*) and orders placed (*orders placed*) an control display of a combination of an icon corresponding of an icon corresponding to a management item and data indicating a status of the management item represented by the icon (*see column fig 15, column 23 line 5-60*).

5. As per claim 61, 68, Peterson et al teach a system wherein the display control mean controls display of a combination of an item indicative of an order placed or an order received and an icon corresponding to a management item and wherein the control means determines that

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the input data is an order received and no icon corresponding to a management item on a order – received or placed side (*see column fig 15, column 23 line 5-60*).

6. As per claim 62, Peterson et al teach a system wherein the data indicating a status of the management item is a number of processed orders or orders placed corresponding to a management item (*see fig 14, column 34 lines 59-35 lines 40*).

7. As per claim 63, 64, Peterson et al teach a system wherein the management items is displayed as and capable of being added, changed or deleted (*see column fig 15, column 23 line 5-60*).

8. As per claim 65, Peterson et al teach a system wherein the data indicating a status of the management item is updated upon downloading (*see column fig 15, column 23 line 5-60*).

9. As per claim 71, Peterson et al teach a system wherein the data corresponding to the plurality of management items are numbers or orders and second display control means control display of the number or order (*see fig 14, column 34 lines 59-35 lines 40*).

10. As per claim 72-75, Peterson et al teach a system further comprising input means inputting and initial data for setting up a graph and the number of days setting a period in the graph (*see fig 14, column 34 lines 59-35 lines 40*).

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11. As per claims 76, Peterson et al teach a part management information system (*electronic information network for invention control*) (see abstract, fig. 14, 18, column 4 lines 27-5 lines 17), first display control means for controlling display on display means, which determining the status of the order (*statuses of statuses*), selection means for allowing selection of management items out or the displayed plurality of management items for the order received or placed (see column fig 15, column 23 line 5-60) and display control means (*links*) for controlling display on display means of data indicating the number of corresponding to the plurality of management items selected by the selection means daily data in a form of three-dimensional graph in relation to the selected plurality of management item together with the management of item controlled to be displayed by the first display control means (see column fig 15, column 23 line 5-60).

12. As per claims 77, 78, 83, 90, Peterson et al teach a part management information system (*electronic information network for invention control*) for managing order placed and order received (*new orders, orders processed, orders in process*) (see abstract, fig. 14, 18, column 4 lines 27-5 lines 17), comprising communication means for communicating data indicating statuses of orders received and placed (*new orders, orders in process*), orders received (*new orders*) and orders placed (*orders placed*) (see fig 14, column 34 lines 59-35 lines 40) first display control means for controlling display on display means, which determining the status of the order (*statuses of statuses*), selection means for allowing selection of management items out or the displayed plurality of management items for the order received or placed (see column fig 15, column 23 line 5-60) and display control means (*links*) for controlling display on display means of data indicating the number of corresponding to the plurality of management items

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selected by the selection means daily data in a form of three-dimensional graph in relation to the selected plurality of management item together with the management of item controlled to be displayed by the first display control means (*see column fig 15, column 23 line 5-60*).

13. As per claim 84, 85, 91, 92, Peterson et al teach a system wherein the display control mean controls display of a combination of an item indicative of an order placed or an order received and an icon (*see column fig 15, column 23 line 5-60*).

14. As per claim 86-88, 93-95, Peterson et al teach a system wherein the display control means comprises a function for displaying a selected management item out of the management of the management items together with a management..., in the form of table, and for changing the position on the display mean (*see fig 14, column 34 lines 59-35 lines 40*).

15. As per claim 63, 64, Peterson et al teach a system wherein the management items is displayed as and capable of being added, changed or deleted (*see column fig 15, column 23 line 5-60*).

16. As per claim 65, Peterson et al teach a system wherein the data indicating a status of the management item is updated upon downloading (*see column fig 15, column 23 line 5-60*).

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17. As per claim 71, Peterson et al teach a system wherein the data corresponding to the plurality of management items are numbers or orders and second display control means control display of the number or order (*see fig 14, column 34 lines 59-35 lines 40*).

18. As per claim 72-75, Peterson et al teach a system further comprising input means inputting and initial data for setting up a graph and the number of days setting a period in the graph (*see fig 14, column 34 lines 59-35 lines 40*).

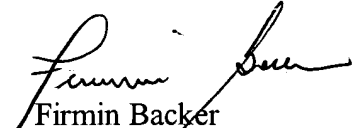
### ***Conclusion***

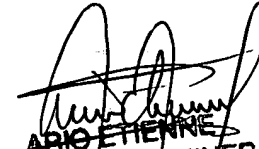
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (6,012,041, 5,548,753).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Firmin Backer whose telephone number is 703-305-0624. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 8:30-6:00 and every other Fri 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sheikh Ayaz can be reached on 703-305-9648. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-9051 for regular communications and 703-305-5352 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

  
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